

ESHOO, I rise today to honor M.R.C. Greenwood, former Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a dedicated member of the Santa Cruz community. Ms. Greenwood has recently left her position at UCSC to become Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for the University of California. I rise today to honor her contributions both to UCSC and to the community of Santa Cruz County.

As soon as she stepped foot on the UCSC campus in June of 1996, Ms. Greenwood began revolutionizing the institution. During her tenure, she was instrumental in the creation of the Baskin School of Engineering, as well as two new colleges on campus. As an accomplished scientist herself, Ms. Greenwood was responsible for the development of many fine research institutions including the Institute for Advanced Feminist Research, the STEPS Institute for Innovation in Environmental Research, the Center for Justice Tolerance, and Community, and the Center for Ocean Health. By the end of her tenure, academic programs had been enhanced and enlarged and graduate and undergraduate enrollment increased to more than 14,000 students. With the campus now reaching a regional annual economic impact of almost \$1 billion, her leadership has proven advantageous not only to the students at the university, but to the local community as well.

In addition to her dedication to the campus and academic life, Ms. Greenwood has also made important contributions to our local community. As member of the Board of Directors of Sutter Hospital, the Second Harvest Food Bank, and the United Way of Santa Cruz County, Ms. Greenwood has earned the title of "Woman of the Year" from the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, Representative ESHOO and I would like to extend our gratitude to Ms. Greenwood for her friendship and dedicated service to the UC-Santa Cruz community. Her leadership has benefited the lives of countless students and has improved our community beyond our greatest expectations. We wish her the best of luck in her new role with the University and have no doubt that the entire University of California system will continue to flourish under her guidance.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, I was unable to vote on the Levin Substitute amendment to H.R. 4359, the Child Care Preservation and Expansion Act (rollcall 208). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Additionally Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, I was unable to vote on passage of H.R. 4359 (rollcall 209). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN HONOR OF THE GREAT NECK VIGILANT FIRE COMPANY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Great Neck Vigilant Fire Company. On June 6th, a parade will be held in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of this extraordinary organization.

The rich history of sacrifice surrounding this courageous volunteer organization is a testament to the spirit that binds our communities together. Its medical personnel and firefighters have spent generations caring for their neighbors. At this moment, as many as sixty thousand individuals, including officers of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, depend on these brave fire and rescue volunteers to stave off potential disaster.

In their unflinching century of service to the people of New York, the members of the Vigilant Fire Company have exemplified the remarkable fortitude and courage America has come to associate with its firefighters. Selflessly volunteering to serve Great Neck and the surrounding communities, they have saved countless lives without expectations of reward.

Adaptability and a willingness to be innovative have long been hallmarks of this volunteer Company. It is often on the cutting edge of technological improvements in medical services and fire-fighting techniques. The Vigilant Fire Company aided in September 11th disaster relief and knows firsthand the value of preparedness. Under the leadership of Chief Conrad Singer, it has once again begun proactively engaging the community in planning for the unthinkable.

It is an honor to represent such a collection of generous individuals. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me now in recognizing this exceptional group of citizens.

EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ITS PARLIAMENTARIAN, THE HONORABLE CHARLES W. JOHNSON

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as many have already stated, and as many more Members are eager to express, Charlie Johnson's departure will be a loss to this great institution we serve, and which Charlie has served so well for an amazing 40 years.

While a tremendous amount has changed in this country, and in this House, over the last 40 years, one thing that has remained constant is Charlie's dedicated service to this great institution.

Throughout his tenure, Charlie has been a wise counselor, a trusted confidant, and an impartial adjudicator who has served both parties without pride or prejudice. He has served seven Speakers, and he has served each of them—and each of us—admirably.

For those who don't readily grasp the significance of the role of Parliamentarian, it is the

Parliamentarian who makes sure that we can continue to conduct the House's business every hour of every day.

Those visiting, or watching at home on C-Span, may understand the importance of the House Parliamentarian as Members come and go from the Speaker's Chair. When they see Members in the Chair making procedural decisions, they also see the Parliamentarian's staff providing helpful advice on a timely basis.

For those of us who serve in the House, the Parliamentarian is an absolute lifeline. He's also the occasional judge, father confessor, and calm in the storm of the House floor as Members and parties seek to advance their own interests.

Although it seems that we increasingly can't find ourselves in agreement on many things, too many things for that matter, one thing that is beyond dispute is that Charlie has embodied the ideal of the civil servant who tirelessly has served the interests of the American people.

I, like so many others, am proud to have served with him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on April 28, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 138.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Vote Number 182 on passage of H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004, I inadvertently voted "yes" when I fully intended to vote "no." The rush of constituent meetings off the floor at the time of this vote caused confusion resulting in this erroneous vote.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, today I rise to honor the many men and women who have died in the service to our great country. Throughout our nation's history, men and women have fought for freedom and democracy; not only here in the United States, but also around the world. These people have put themselves in harm's way and paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can continue to live the lives that we do.

This year's anniversary has special meaning for two reasons. First, our country is again at